

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Thanksgiving Day is one of America's most beloved and widely celebrated holidays. With full hearts, we bask in the warmth of family and community gatherings, and we reflect on the challenge, responsibility, and privilege that are ours as citizens of Arkansas and of the United States; and

WHEREAS: We are grateful for the gift of freedom as we celebrate the vision of America, made real by our Nation's founders and preserved by the courage, vigilance, and sacrifice of generations of our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: Since 1621, the people of this country have gathered each year, with loved ones and feasts, to give thanks for our good fortune in our continuing ability to provide for families and friends. On this Thanksgiving Day, we reaffirm our faith in our heritage of freedom and our spirit of sharing; and

WHEREAS: I encourage Arkansans to come together to share the spirit of goodwill, to express sincere gratitude for the blessings of life, and to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters in the larger family of mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2008, as

THANKSGIVING DAY

in the State of Arkansas, and in order that state employees may spend this holiday with their families, I further declare that the State Capitol and State offices will be closed on Friday, November 28, 2008.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2008.


MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR


CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE